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1. EMBASSY GROUP HAS COMPLETED REVIEW REFERRED TO IN REFTEL, INCLUDING DISCUSSION WITH OPERATIONS AND SECURITY OFFICER OF MAR DEL PLATA NAVAL BASE. GROUP IS FULLY SATISFIED THAT CONCERNS OVER SECURITY REPORTED REFTEL WERE BASED ON GENERAL SECURITY SITUATION IN COUNTRY, COUPLED WITH PUBLIC DENUNCIATIONS OF VANGUARD ARRANGEMENT BY PERONIST FRINGE GROUPS, ALSO REPORTED REFTEL, AND NOT ON ANY SPECIFIC INTELLIGENCE INDICATING THAT VANGUARD OR BANGUARD PERSONNEL WILL BE TARGET OF TERRORIST ATTACK. BASE SECURITY OFFICER WAS EXPLICIT THAT NEITHER HE NOR BASE INTELLIGENCE OFFICER WERE IN POSSESSION OF ANY INFORMATION CONCERNING SUCH ATTACK.

2. GROUPS FURTHER CONCLUSION, BASED ON REVIEW OF LOCAL CONDITIONS AND DISCUSSIONS WITH SHIP' S OFFICERS, STATION DIRECTOR, AND ARGENTINE SECURITY OFFICER, IS THAT SECURITY CONTROLS AT SHIP ARE ADEQUATE. SECURITY OF STATION PERSONNEL WHILE ASHORE, IN COMMON WITH OTHER U. S. CITIZENS IN ARGENTINA, CANNOT OF COURSE BE POSITIVELY ASSURED. HOWEVER, PERSONNEL LIVING ASHORE ARE BEING PROVIDED WITH BASIC SECURITY INSTRUCTIONS DISTRIBUTED TO ALL EMBASSY PERSONNEL, AND NASA SUPER-
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VISORS ON VANGUARD WERE ORIENTED BY EMBASSY SECURITY OFFICER.

3. EMBASSY WILL CONTINUE TO MAINTAIN CLOSE CONTACT WITH
SECURITY SITUATION OF SHIP.
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